

## The state (and territory!) of data collection on national priority weeds

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**Summary** A role of the Australian Government in invasive species management is to provide national coordination to foster improved outcomes across Australia. The Australian Government also has a role to support the collection and collation of national weed data and information. To better understand the current national picture of data collection for agricultural and environmental priority weeds, ABARES developed an online survey aimed at Australian and state/territory governments and regional natural resource management organisations. The survey provides a national

picture of the data collected and shared on priority weeds (Weeds of National Significance, National Environmental Alert, agricultural sleeper weeds, regional priority weeds) across Australia including distribution, impacts, resource allocation, emerging weed threats and data sharing. This paper highlights key results from the 2017–2018 survey to inform policy and decision-making, providing a baseline for similar future surveys.

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